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WEEKLY SAINT PAUL FIRE & EMS BLOTTER

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This feature we call "Fire & EMS Blotter" is a weekly update of the activities of the Saint Paul Fire Department. During the week of May 6 thru May 12, the Saint Paul Fire Department responded to 776 calls for service. Here is a **sampling** of some of the emergency and non-emergency activities from information provided by the fire department.

GUN SHOT WOUND - On May 7 at 9:06 p.m. on the 1500 block of Woodbridge a 35 year old man had been shot. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.

ARSON - On May 8 at 11:53 a.m., on Bush Avenue under the Edgerton Street Bridge, fire companies extinguished a vehicle that was fully engulfed in fire that had been abandoned under the bridge. Damage is estimated at $882.

An arsonist set fire to this vehicle on Bush Avenue

ARSON - On May 9 at 2:06 a.m. on the 2300 block of Wycliff Street fire companies extinguished another vehicle fire that had been abandoned and set on fire. Damage is estimated at $800.

GARAGE FIRE - On May 9 at 3:44 a.m. on the 1000 block of Pleasant Avenue fire companies were dispatched to a garage fire. Upon arrival they found and extinguished a significant fire in the detached garage. The fire damaged two other garages. This fire is under investigation. Damage is estimated at $25,000.

One garage fire spread to another before firefighters could arrive. Still under Investigation.

COMMERCIAL BUILDING FIRE - On May 9 at 10:56 p.m. on the 1000 block of Selby Avenue fire companies were called to a report of smoke coming from a commercial building. Upon arrival they found a fire in one of the shop rooms that was occupied by multiple tenants. The room was used for furniture refinishing. There was no fire sprinkler system. The fire is under investigation. Damage is estimated at $20,000.

COOKING FIRE - On May 10 at 11:56 a.m. on the 90 block of Lexington Parkway North fire companies were dispatched to a report of a possible stove top fire in an apartment. Upon arrival, they found the fire to be out and one patient with grease burns to both of his hands. The occupants were frying oil for breakfast, and when they added the hashbrowns it started a fire. They moved the pan from the stove top to the kitchen sink where the faucet was running. The water caused the oil fire to flash up on the cabinets and the overflow burned his hands. Damage is estimated at $1,000. The man was treated and transported to a nearby hospital by paramedics for his burns.

- **Careless cooking is the leading cause of building fires.**
- **ALWAYS stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stove.**
- **NEVER put water on a grease fire. It will EXPLODE into a ball of fire! Watch this dramatic demonstration:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aUa12l3YbTQ

UNATTENDED COOKING - On May 12 at 10:53 a.m. on the 400 block of Thomas Avenue fire companies were dispatched to a reported dwelling fire. Upon arrival, they found smoke showing. A quick offensive attack enabled the first fire company to extinguish the kitchen fire. The occupant had used the stove and had gone into the living room to watch TV. After 10 minutes, she noticed smoke coming from the kitchen. After checking and finding the kitchen fully involved in fire, she grabbed her granddaughter and exited through the picture window and then called 9-1-1. She inadvertently left a burner in the on position which had a frying pan with oil in it. Damage is estimated at $35,000. The home was uninhabitable so the Red Cross was called to provide the residents with temporary housing.

Unattended cooking caused $35,000 in damage to this home.

GUN SHOT WOUND - On May 12 at 8:01 p.m. on Barclay Street and Magnolia Avenue East a 33 year old man had been shot. Paramedics treated and transported him to a nearby hospital.